Amendments To Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended). A computer implemented method for facilitating the allocation of fees comprising the steps of:

    receiving data from an automated billing system;

    establishing a user profile;

    determining at least one fee using said data and based upon said user profile; ~~and~~

    charging said fee to an account; and

    providing an enhanced descriptive billing statement with fee reconciling information, wherein said receiving, establishing, determining, and charging steps are performed by at least one computer.

2. (Original). The method of claim 1 wherein said automated billing system is a Computer Reservation System.

3. (Currently Amended). A computer implemented method for facilitating the allocation of fees comprising the steps of:

    receiving data from an automated billing system;

    establishing a user profile; and

    determining at least one fee using said data and based upon said user profile;

    charging said fee to an account, ~~The method of claim 2~~ wherein said data is Passenger Name Record data, wherein said receiving, establishing, determining, and charging steps are performed by at least one computer.

4. (Original). The method of claim 3 wherein said fee is charged to an account associated with said user profile.

5. (Original). The method of claim 1 further including the step of providing a portion of said data to a management information system for providing periodic reports.

6. (Original).   The method of claim 1 further including the steps of:

formatting data in a Passenger Name Record data format; and

providing said data to said Computer Reservation System.

7. (Cancelled).

8. (Original). The method of claim 4 further comprising the step of providing said account with fee reconciling information.

9. (Original). The method of claim 2 further comprising the step of charging a fee for use of the method of claim 2.

10. (Original).   A digital storage medium having instructions stored thereon configured to execute the method of claim 1.

11. (Currently Amended).   A system for facilitating allocation of fees, said system comprising:

means for receiving data from an accounting system;

means for receiving a user profile;

means for determining a fee to be charged for assistance by a facilitating entity based on said user profile and data; ~~and~~

means for charging said fee to an account associated with said user profile; and

means for providing reconciliation information that is configured to facilitate reconciling said fee to the related purchase on a billing statement for said account.

12. (Original).   The system of claim 11, wherein said data further comprises Passenger Name Record data.

13. (Original).   The system of claim 12, wherein said data is received from a Computer Reservation System.

14. (Original).   The system of claim 11, wherein said processing system is further configured to assist said credit entity in providing an enhanced billing statement comprising fee reconciliation information.

15. (Canceled).

16. (Original).   The system of claim 11, wherein said processing system further provides data to a management information system for providing said facilitating entity with periodic reports.

17. (Currently Amended).   A computer implemented method for facilitating allocation of fees for use by a travel agency, wherein said travel agency assists a traveler in making travel related purchases from a merchant entity, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving Passenger Name Record data from an accounting system, said accounting system configured to receive Passenger Name Record data from a Computer Reservation System;

receiving a user profile;

comparing said Passenger Name Record data to information in said user profile to determine a fee to be charged for said assistance by said travel agency; and

charging said fee to an account associated with said user profile, wherein said receiving, comparing, and charging steps are performed by at least one computer.

18. (Currently Amended).   The method of claim ~~18~~ 17, further comprising the step of facilitating the enhancement of a billing statement with fee reconciliation information.

19. (Currently Amended).   The method of claim 18, further comprising the step of providing ~~said~~ a credit entity with fee reconciliation information.

20. (Original).   The method of claim 18, further comprising the step of charging said fee to a different account than the account used to charge for the cost of said travel related purchase.

21. (Original).   The method of claim 18, further comprising the steps of:

providing data to a management information system for providing said facilitating entity with periodic reports; and

providing at least some of said Passenger Name Record data to said management information system.

22. (Original).   A digital storage medium having instructions stored thereon configured to execute the method of claim 18.

23. (Currently Amended).   A method for receiving automated fee billing associated with a travel agency, said method comprising the steps of:

    providing user profile information including an account for billing of fees;

    conducting a transaction with a merchant; and

    receiving an account billing statement including a separate fee charged for the transaction based upon said user profile information, wherein said fee is reconciled with associated transaction costs in said account billing statement, and wherein said providing, conducting, and receiving steps are performed by at least one computer.

24. (Currently Amended).   The method of claim ~~25~~ 23 wherein said transaction is a ticket purchase.

25. (Currently Amended).   The method of claim ~~25~~ 23 wherein said transaction is emergency travel service assistance.

26. (Canceled).